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SUBJ: ICCS: POLDEL PROTEST TO GVN ON QTE PRESS CAMPAIGN UNQTE

REF: WARSAW 1815

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NOTE FROM POLISH DELEGATION TRANSMITTING
TEXT OF LETTER TO RVN DELEGATION OF TPJMC CONCERNING QTE
SLANDEROUS PRESS CAMPAIGN UNQTE OF GVN OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS MAY 17, POLDEL REPRESENTATIVES
SAID COPIES HAD ALSO BEEN DELIVERED TO DRV DELEGATION, FPJMT,
AND PRG DELEGATION TPJMC, AS WELL AS DIRECTLY TO GENERAL HIEP,
CHIEF OF GVN DELEGATION TPJMC. POLDEL REPRESENTATIVES DID
NOT PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER: TO: BRIGADIER GENERAL PHAN HOA HIEP
CHIEF OF THE RVN MILITARY
DELEGATION TO THE CENTRAL TWO

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PARTY JMC

DEAR GENERAL,

THE POLISH DELEGATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO YOU AND HAS THE HONOUR TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THE SERIOUS CONCERN WITH WHICH IT VIEWS THE BRUTAL PRESS CAMPAIGN HAVING BEEN LAUNCHED AGAINST IT FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

THIS TIME THE SLANDEROUS PRESS CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN VOICED BY THE RVN GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN MR. BUI BAO TRUC DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE ON MAY 7, 1974, CONCERNING AMONG OTHERS THE SONH PHU INCIDENT. THIS CAMPAIGN IS AN IRREFUTABLE PROOF THAT THE BRUTAL AND GROUNDLESS ATTACKS AGAINST MY DELEGATION HAVE REACHED THE LEVEL OF THE RVN GOVERNMENT'S OFFICIAL POLICY. THE GROUNDLESSNESS OF THESE PRESS ACCUSATIONS BECOMES STILL MORE EVIDENT WHEN TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE FACT THAT THE REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION AT SONG PHU REACHED THE ICCS A DAY AFTER THE PRESS CAMPAIGN HAD BEEN LAUNCHED. THE CURRENT PROPAGANDA DOES INSULT MY DELEGATION AND BREAKS GENERALLY ACCEPTED PRINCIPLES OF HOSPITALITY.

THE POLISH DELEGATION FROM THE VERY FIRST DAY OF ITS WORK IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION WHICH IT AGREED TO ENTER ON REQUEST OF THE FOUR PARTIES-SIGNATORIES TO THE PARIS AGREEMENT INCLUDING THE RVN GOVERNMENT, HAS ALWAYS FOLLOWED AND OBSERVED THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THIS IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL ACT AND ITS PROTOCOLS, ALWAYS ACTING IN CONFORMITY WITH ITS PRINCIPLES OF IMPARTIALITY AND OBJECTIVITY.

THAT IS WHY WE STONGLY PROTEST AGAINST AND CATEGORICALLY REJECT THESE INSULTING AND FALSE ACCUSATIONS, WHICH HAMPER THE NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF THE POLISH DELEGATION AND LEAD TO SPLITTING AND PARALYZING THE COMMISSION.

THE POLISH DELEGATION EXPECTS THE RVN PRESS AUTHORITIES NOT TO PUT ITS PATIENCE TO TRIAL ANY LONGER AND TO IMMEDIATELY STOP THIS TENDENTIOUS CAMPAIGN AND REFRAIN FROM MAKING SUCH ATTACKS IN THE FUTURE.

IF SUCH A CAMPAIGN IS STILL TO BE CONTINUED THE POLISH DELEGATION
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RESERVES THE RIGHT TO UNDERTAKE ANY ACTION IT WILL DEEM NECESSARY. AT THE SAME TIME THE POLISH DELEGATIONS ATTRACTS YOUR ATTENTION THAT THE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY CONSEQUENCES OF ANY SLANDEROUS PRESS CAMPAIGN FOR THE WORK AND FUNCTIONING OF THE COMMISSION WILL EXCLUSIVELY FALL ON THE AUTHORITIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

THE POLISH DELEGATION TO THE ICCS TAKES THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND TO YOU, GENERAL, ITS RENEWED ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGH CONSIDERATION.

RYSZARD FIJALKOWSKI
AMBASSADOR
HEAD OF THE POLISH DELEGATION TO
THE ICCS

END TEXT

4. COMMENT: LETTER REPRESENTS DENOUEMENT OF ABORTIVE
POLISH EFFORT IN CONSULTATIONS TO HAVE ICCS AS A WHOLE TAKE ACTION
IN RESPONSE TO GVN SPOKESMAN'S COMMENTS (REF SAIGON 5984).
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